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ACCEPT THE TRUTH WHEREVER FOUND.

DO RIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHT

Volume 22.

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, December 17, 1896.

Whole Number: 1121

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convincing language of grateful men and
women, constitute its most effective ad-
vertising. Many of these cures are mar-
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the people; have given Hood's Sarsapa-
rilla the largest sales in the world, and
have made necessary for its manufacture
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Sarsaparilla
is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.
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take, easy to operate. 28c.

JUST LIKE HER.

Theodore Shy was an exceeding
bashful man, and when, after much
delating in his mind, he decided to
take a wife, his thoughts at once
turned to a matrimonial paper as the
means for attaining his object. Not that
he was unacquainted with any being on
whom he would have been willing to con-
fer the title of Mrs. Theodore Shy. But
such was his innate bashfulness that he
dreaded his determination being
ascertained by his friends and him-
self consequently ridiculed. Chaffed
he would certainly have been, but as
Theodore was in every respect an
eligible party there was no reason
to expect ridicule.

Theodore Shy at the time of con-
templating this most serious step
was 36 years of age. Passably
good looking, good tempered, good
natured, good natured, stilly fellow
he was sometimes stilly by his
horrors, he possessed a good
house, a good income, and all he re-
quired was a good wife to make his
home happy.

While matters were at this stage
Theodore was brought to a full
stop, and for this reason: He could
not concoct a suitable advertise-
ment.

"Of course," he said, "I don't
want an old wife, but I can't adver-
tise that I want a pretty young girl
—and I shall certainly want her to
be good looking. And what else? Let
me see. Modest, musical, amiable,
domestic, loving, cuddlesome—hang
it! I can't do it. If it was ever
discovered to be my advertisement
I should never hear the end of it."

He was in a dilemma for two days,
when he determined to seek advice
of a lady friend—a young widow
who had often commiserated him on
his solitary lot. It is surprising
that because so bashful he should have
actually sought the advice of a
lady, and that lady, too, one who
would possibly have no objection
herself to becoming Mrs. Theodore
Shy. But, strange to say, that had
never occurred to him. Mrs. Ready
was an old friend whom he had
known before her marriage, and was
the only person he felt he could
take into his confidence, being as-
sured of her sympathy and dis-
creteness. She had married when
only 19 a young lieutenant in the
army, who, three months afterwards,
was inconsiderate enough to leave
his wife a widow. She was at this
time 25 years of age and exceed-
ingly pretty. Theodore often
thought that she bore a strong like-
ness to the widow woman in whose
eye Uncle Toby endeavored to find
the imaginary something. He had
not, however, considered the possi-
bility of her likeness in character
to the aforesaid widow, and, acting
on his first impulse, he lost no time
in paying the relit of the late
Lieutenant Ready a visit.

He saw the young widow in her
morning room, and she met him
with extended hand and a smile of
welcome.

After talking of the weather of
yesterday, the prospects of ditto for
to-day and to-morrow, Theodore

sought an opening to the subject of
his call.

"I wish to seek your advice on a
matter of great import to myself."

"Yes."

"There is no one else of whom I
should care to ask this advice, and
feeling assured of your sympathy
and help I determined to be guided
by your counsel, if you would be
so good as to give it."

The widow, much surprised and
impressed by his extreme serious-
ness, repressed her inclination to
laugh and said she would be pleased
to help him in any way in her
power.

"Thank you; you are very good,"
and taking the widow's hand Theo-
dore rather profusely expressed his
gratitude.

"Well, the fact is," he said, re-
linquishing her hand, which she
made no attempt to withdraw, "I
am contemplating marriage, and
knowing you—knowing you to be—"

"Yes," said the widow demurely.
"Knowing you to be more ex-
perienced in such matters, and be-
ing so kind—so good—so—"

Here the widow blushed and
looked even more lovely than ever.

"Yes," she said in a low tone,
moving a little nearer to him.
"And—"

Here she gave him an unutterable
look of reproach.

"I thought I could not do better
than ask your advice as to the lady
I wish to marry."

Mrs. Ready looked puzzled. Was
he not going to propose after all.
"Who is the lady?"

"Well, ah, the fact is I don't
know."

"Don't know?"

"No," he went on hurriedly.
"You see, I expect there would be
a great deal of chaff at such an old
bachelor as myself getting married,
and I am anxious to avoid it."

Theodore had by some process
of reasoning come to believe he was
too old to dream of marriage. The
widow thought otherwise and ven-
tured to say so.

"Well, at any rate," he said, "my
friends think so and would ridicule
the idea, so I've been thinking of
using the columns of a matrimonial
paper for the purpose."

The widow looked aghast.

"What do you want me to do,
then?"

"The fact is," he confessed, "I
can't make out such an advertise-
ment as I would like and I want
you to help me to word one, if you
will be so kind."

Mrs. Ready was amazed and not
a little disappointed. She had tried
her best to create an impression on
this man, and the only impression
she had left was that she would
make a counselor. And now he
came to ask her advice as to whom
he had better marry. She thought
he knew, but unfortunately it
would not do to say.

Writing materials being on the
table, the widow sat down and took
a sheet of paper on which to com-
mit notes.

"First of all," said the lady,
"what sort of a wife do you want?"

This was a stagger. Theodore
examined the pattern of the carpet,
the ceiling, the mantelpiece and
half a dozen things, and then turned
his eyes to the widow, on whom he
gazed intently. It seemed that he
now for the first time fully recog-
nized her charms.

"Really," he said, "I cannot de-
scribe the sort of lady I should like.
You see, it seems so foolish,
especially for me."

"Well, then," replied his com-
panion, who had apparently received
an inspiration, "I will suggest such
a point, and you shall say whether
it would suit you. Now, do you
want a young, middle-aged or old
lady?"

"Oh! I think—youthful."

"But what do you call youthful?"

"You don't want a girl of 16?"

"No, of course, not so young as
that."

"Seventeen?"

"No."

"Older than that, I am double
that age, you know."

"Oh, are you? Well, then, about
what age shall I say?"

"How old are you—I really beg
your pardon. I mean about what
age?"

The widow smiled complacently.

"I don't mind you knowing my
age. You know very nearly your-
self. I am 25—getting quite old.
So you think a lady of my age
would suit you?" she said merrily.

Theodore was certain of it.

"Now we have the first require-
ment. Do you wish to say whether
she is to be slim or—or shall we
say 'bonny'?"

"I wouldn't put that," said Theo-
dore perspiring. "It looks too—"

Really this is awkward. Just what
I felt when I tried to draw an ad-
vertisement up. I do not like
either very thin or fat people."

"What shall I say, then?"

Theodore looked again round the
room and came to the conclusion
that the widow was of the propor-
tions he desired.

"Like you," he said. Having
only just contemplated matrimony,
he had never bestowed a thought on
the widow's charms until now, and,
fast becoming helplessly in love, he
wished he had gone and shot him-
self before he came on his present
errand.

"But, you foolish man, how can I
put that? What am I?"

"You are an angel."

She laughed merrily.

"Then I must put of 'angelic pro-
portions.'"

"Very well. Is she to be
pretty?"

"Preferably."

"Good looking, at all events?"

"Yes."

"Like myself?" coquettishly.

"That's impossible!"

"Is it. Then shall I say 'of good
appearance'?"

"Yes," he said, "I don't know. Remain a bachelor
perhaps. Anyhow I won't adver-
tise. You'll pardon me for the
trouble I have given you?"

"Oh, don't mention it. I should
be very glad to help you—more
glad than I can say. It is so sad
to see a good man like you lead
such a solitary existence."

"You are very kind. Good-
morning."

"Good-morning. But stay a mo-
ment. Did you not say," continued
she, blushing, "that you would pre-
fer some one like me for your
wife?"

"Yes."

"Then why not ask me?"
And he did.—*Boston Traveler.*

NOT AN INTERPRETER.

In a dispute between the Indians
and the cannery men, according to
the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a Mr.
March was called as a witness, and
the way in which he gave his testi-
mony proved puzzling to the
lawyers.

"How long have you been in this
part of the country, Mr. March?"

"Forty, forty-five, fifty, fifty-five
years."

"Fifty-five years," said the law-
yer, and then, as if he were address-
ing Christopher Columbus, he asked:

"And what did you discover, Mr.
March?"

"A dark-visaged savage."

"Dark-visaged savage, eh? Yes,
and what did you say to him?"

"I said it was a fine day."

"Fine day? Yes, and what did he
say to you?"

Mr. March rattled off a whole
yarn in Chinook, and kept on, to
the mirth of the whole court-room,
until peremptorily cut off by the
gavel of the judge.

"I asked you what reply the
savage made to you, Mr. March.
Please answer the question," said
the irate cross-examiner.

"I was answering."

"Tell us what the savage said."

"That was what he said."

"Then tell it to us in English."

"Not unless I am commissioned
by the court to act as an interpre-
ter and paid the customary fee."

The lawyer thought a moment,
looked at the judge, who could not
resist a smile, and said severely,
"Mr. March, you may stand down."

A MINER'S HEROISM.

Heroes abound in every walk of
life, and many a noble act of de-
votion and self-sacrifice goes un-
published and unknown. A serious
accident, followed by a genuine act
of heroism, occurred in a Western
mine recently.

A miner by the name of William
Friend had prepared and lighted
two shots in a shaft forty feet deep,
and was being hoisted out by a
companion, William Overland.

As he reached the top of the
shaft, the barrel upon which he was
standing became detached from the
rope, and Friend was precipitated
to the bottom, upon the burning
fuse. His right leg was broken in
two places, and he was so bruised
and stunned that he lay quite still,
awaiting the horrible death from the
horrible explosion which seemed
inevitable.

GROWTH OF BIG CITIES.
THOSE ON THE CONTINENT GROWING
MORE RAPIDLY THAN AMERICAN
ONES.

It will surprise many people to
learn that the big European cities
have been growing much faster than
those of the United States. This
fact is pointed out by Dr. Albert
Shaw in a recent book on the
municipal government in Europe.

In 1870 New York had 150,000
more people than Berlin; in 1880
Berlin had outstripped New York,
and still maintains. In the twenty-
five years since the war the increase
in the population of Berlin has
actually been as great as that of
Chicago. Philadelphia was bigger
than Berlin thirty years ago; since
then it has only grown by 500,000.

Americans will say that Berlin is
exceptional; that its growth is due
to political causes. But how are
they to explain Hamburg? In 1875
Hamburg had 348,000 people and
Boston 342,000; in 1890 Hamburg
had 569,260 and Boston 448,000.
Baltimore was once as big as Ham-
burg, but it has long since been
distanced.

Leipzig has grown from 127,000
in 1875 to 355,000 in 1890 and has
distanced San Francisco. Even St.
Louis has not grown as rapidly.
Breslau used to be smaller than
Cincinnati; it has now distanced it.
Cleveland and Buffalo and
Pittsburg were all in 1880 bigger
than Cologne, but Cologne was
much the bigger in 1890. Dresden
is growing more quickly than New
Orleans and Maderburg than Mil-
waukee. Hanover, though a sleepy
place enough, is growing as quickly
as Louisville or Jersey City.—*New
York Journal.*

**THE NEW VOTERS OF
COLORADO.**

REV. J. H. EOB, DENVER.

Political machinery has been in
the hands of men for generations
and perfected for uses not altogether
the best, and backed by longstand-
ing prejudices of the people, is not
easily changed in character so as to
work for better purposes. Accord-
ingly, the friends of equal suffrage
should not ask too much in these
first years of trial. The new voters
have much to overcome, but they
have taken up their duties with
characteristic patience and devotion.

The feminine instinct for detail
is telling most beneficially in their
new duties, for while men are vot-
ing contentedly with their party
and pay little attention to the
character of party candidates, the
women are looking for the best men
in all parties and prepare their
ballots with a conscientious care
which is quite a revelation to hus-
bands, sons and brothers. They
show a decided tendency for inde-
pendent voting. One conspicuous
result of woman suffrage is the
deepening sense of sisterhood, the
more intelligent and prosperous
showing an eager desire that the
less fortunate should be instructed
in their new duties so that woman's
vote may not be charged with the
reproaches which men so freely
prophesied by its enemies.

The effect of equal suffrage upon
women is seen in less attention to
frivolous social distinctions and a
deeper and broader comprehension
of the more serious affairs of life.

BETWEEN TWO TRAINS.

Much that one reads in the daily
newspapers is best forgotten quick-
ly, but now and then a deed of kind-
ness or heroism is recorded that is
worthy of long remembrance. Such
a deed was recently chronicled by
the New York Sun among the
events of the day before. It oc-
curred at the mouth of a railway
tunnel in New Jersey, the hero of
the affair being Charles Wilkins,
fireman on the express train of the
Northern Railroad of New Jersey.

As the train approached the tun-
nel, Wilkins, leaning out of the
cab, saw a woman on the track just
ahead. With a slap on the shoulder
of Engineer Helmeke, whose hand
was at the brake, Wilkins cried:

"By Jove, we're liable to hit
her!"

At that instant the woman
straightened up and stepped over
to the other track, just as a mail-
train from the opposite direction
swung round the curve. The woman
looked at one train, then at the
other. She was completely be-
wildered.

"Slow up, slow up," cried Wil-
kins, and I'll jump for her! It's the
only thing to do now."

The engineer did his best, and
the engine whizzed past the woman,
almost grazing her as she stood on

the other track. At the same mo-
ment Wilkins jumped, just ahead
of her, and by great good luck kept
his feet.

Meantime the mail-train was right
upon them. Wilkins lifted the
woman in his arms and held her
there, as he stood in the narrow
path between the two trains, the
passengers of which, roused by the
whistles and sudden application of
the brakes, were looking from all
the windows.

The train came to a standstill as
soon as possible, and the trainmen
ran back to congratulate Wilkins,
and make sure that no harm had
been done.

Wilkins carried the woman, now
all but insensible, across the tracks
to a place of safety, and then ran
to his engine without waiting to
inquire her name.

"The thing was to save her," he
said. "It didn't matter what her
name was. And besides, she was
too frightened to talk."

DEPEW ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Mr. Chanancy M. Depew has
signed a petition favoring woman
suffrage. When he was asked
if he had always been in favor of
women voting, he said:

"Well, I think I must be content
to be in the light of a convert. I
have seen the error of my ways.
That is, I think that times have
changed. The position of woman
has changed. Woman herself is
different in some respects from what
she used to be. She owns a large
amount of property upon which she
is taxed. She has become a great
industrial factor. She has a right
to say how she shall be taxed, and
under what laws she shall conduct
her business. I think the begin-
ning of my change of opinion was
Wyoming a few years ago. I was
traveling through the State and
met a great many of the prominent
men. I asked them about the work-
ings of woman suffrage and heard
nothing but praise for it. I found
out that my old ideas about the
horrible things which would happen
to the homes were unfounded. I
think that woman has a right to the
suffrage, and that giving it to her
will do good rather than harm; so
I signed the petition."

THE PENITENT MONKEY.

A lazy miller cannot grind with
the water that has passed, neither
can penitence undo the wrong that
has been done. *Harper's Young
People* tells a little story which we
commend to mischievous folks:

Captain Carter, who lived in
Washington, D. C., when on land
had a great fancy for fine fowls, and
among his collection prized a fine
old king gobbler. On his last cruise
he brought home a mischievous
young monkey, which gave him so
much trouble that it was a good
deal like an elephant on his hands.

One day hearing a terrible squawking
in the henery, the captain
found Jocko with the king gobbler
under his arms, while he was de-
liberately pulling out its last tail
feather. The captain rescued the
turkey and punished the monkey,
who knew very well why he was
chastised.

The next day, again hearing a
commotion among the feathered
tribe, he went to the scene of action,
and there sat Jocko with the much-
persecuted gobbler between his
knees, while he was trying to put
the feathers back. His intentions
were good, but the turkey did not
appreciate them.

MEETING HER FATE.

As an advocate of the interests of "the bourgeoisie and the men in blouses" Sir Quay's recent efforts are the source of considerable bewilderment in certain politico-business centres.

Is wealth a sufficient argument in favor of an aspiring politician? This question has been frequently answered affirmatively, and yet not conclusively. Perhaps a conclusion will be reached in the future.

Even though his Satanic Majesty has the attainments of a discriminating genius placed to his credit, there is a shade of doubt involved as to his ability to determine the difference in barbarity between a prize-fight and a foot-ball match.

The Ambler Gazette celebrated the inauguration of volume fifteen, last week, by appearing in a new dress and form. We can't say that we admire the new form but the dress is elegant, and editor Thomas is up in g in the field of local journalism. We heartily congratulate him upon the evidence of business enterprise he has exhibited since assuming proprietorship of the Gazette, and particularly since the disastrous fire which destroyed his plant a short while ago.

The republican free-silver United States Senators have determined the fate of the Dingley tariff bill by refusing to attend the republican convocation. The bill cannot be passed without the co-operation of the free silver Senators, as the Democrats are unwilling to support it. The free silver Republicans controlled the committee of the Senate during the last session, and reported as a substitute for the Dingley bill the free silver coinage bill, and they are unwilling to accept any tariff or revenue measure that does not embrace free silver and cheap money.

It is reported that General Maceo, the leader of the Cuban insurgents was recently killed by shots fired by Spanish soldiers. One report has it that Maceo was lured by a false staff officer to a Spanish ambuscade and virtually murdered, while another report sets forth that he was killed in exposing himself to the artillery of the enemy while in the discharge of his duties. His death, whether due to treachery, or to a military engagement, is a distinct loss to the insurgents. However, if the cause he represented and bravely fought for is inherently right, his death will postpone but temporarily the overthrow of Spanish domination on American soil.

The information is daily heralded abroad that the present revenues of the government are insufficient to meet current expenditures. The net ordinary revenues of the government for the fiscal year of 1896, under the Wilson bill, were \$326,976,200, or more than in 1885 and within ten millions of those in 1886, which were acknowledged to be "more than ever in of excess public necessities." They would even have left a surplus after the increased expenditures of 1890. It appears to be about as conspicuous as a big nose on the small face of a tall man that the country is really suffering more from increased expenditures of public funds than from decreased revenues.

Does the country want increased revenues and increased expenditures *ad infinitum*? Does it? Rome wanted the same thing, got what it wanted and then—went to destruction.

SENATOR PENROSE, candidate for United States Senator, has reached the conclusion that if law is of any account in protecting the individual from the assault of scandal-mongers, it shall exhibit its potency in the interests of advancing civilization. A peddler of filth perambulating as an evangelist in the neighborhood of Doylestown was lodged in jail there, charged with circulating false accusations against the private character of the Senator, and a Philadelphia preacher is under \$800 bail in that city, for having encouraged, aided, and abetted the evangelist.

Shrewd blackmailers and calumniators of character, have learned by past experience that a very feasible way to stab a man's private character to death is to use the "livery of heaven" while plying their vocation. They appreciate the existing strength of human notions and prejudices quite well.

We know nothing about Senator Penrose's private character; we also know that some of those who pretend to know, actually know no more than we do. They have heard so and so and believe what they hear, true or false, that's all. Perhaps this miserable disposition to believe evil rather than good of our fellow mortals is one evidence of original sin? It is the brethren of the pulpit should redouble their efforts at once.

SOME of the business men of Philadelphia and elsewhere having formed a league with a view of saving the country and electing Mr. John Wanamaker United States Senator, it is right in order for the farmers to organize a league or association and boom one of their number for the same position. And since the business men are following their chosen fad, what is the matter with the preachers and the editors gathering themselves together to yell mightily and in concert for a preacher or editor for United States Senator? There's Charles Emory Smith of the Press, no reason why he couldn't fill the bill, and there is surely a preacher somewhere in the State who might be prevailed upon to accept a high political honor, particularly since many of the "gentlemen of the cloth" (for some reason or other) seem to be particularly interested in politics just now.

The republican household in Montgomery county is not experiencing the pangs of famine by reason of a scarcity of bosses. An observer with a good field-glass at anchor on the roof of the public house at Fairview Village could easily discern a coterie of dictators in any direction he might choose to gaze. The labels worn, however, are not identical. The Senatorial fight now in progress is a quarrel not so much between the dear people and the bosses as it is 'twixt the bosses themselves, or between those who are bosses and those who would like to be. The Lower Merion boss—in his efforts to make Rome howl for Wanamaker; while one of the bosses of the upper end is lying awake nights conjuring up how to divide six into fourteen without figuring fractions.

And plate matter goes like hot cakes!

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11, 1896.—Senator Allen exploded a bomb that shook the Senate from centre to circumference when he moved that the Dingley bill be taken up, and the motion was carried by a vote of 35 to 21. The vote in favor of the motion was made up of 23 republicans, 6 democrats, 5 populists, and Senator Pettigrew who is now classed as an independent; and the vote against it of two republicans, 16 democrats and 3 independents, Cannon, Dubois and Mantle. Senator Allen said he made the motion without consultation with anybody and solely to show that the populist Senators were not standing in the way of revenue legislation. In reply to questions from Senator Aldrich Mr. Allen said that while he would not vote for the Dingley bill as it passed the House, it could easily be put in a shape that would get his vote and that of other Senators who are not republicans, but he didn't mention what that shape was. The Dingley bill was before the Senate less than 30 minutes, when the expiration of the "morning hour" sent it back to the calendar, Mr. Allen having failed to get unanimous consent for it to be the "unfinished business" of the next day. It can be taken up at any time by a majority vote, but as the bill is now, owing to the action of the Senate at the last session, a bill for the free coinage of silver instead of a revenue bill, its passage in that shape would be merely duplicating the work of the last session.

Several Cuban resolutions providing for the recognition of independence have been offered in both House and Senate, but Senator Mills, of Texas, is entitled to the belt, and it ought to be a blood-red one, for having put the hottest stuff into a resolution that the oldest Capitol habitue remembers. His resolution directs the President to take immediate and forcible possession of Cuba and to protect the Cubans until such time as they shall organize a government of their own. A facetious Senator has already suggested that Senator Mills be the commander of the House army of occupation.

Mr. George E. Nelson, who took the time and trouble to travel all the way from Indian Territory to Washington with no better claim for a seat in the House as Territorial Delegate than a certificate of election signed by an Indian Agent and his own statement that he received 800 out of about 300 votes in an election held November third at several villages of the Territory, finds that members of the House not only fail to recognize the legality of his claim but are also inclined to poke fun at him.

Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, professes astonishment at the votes that the canvassing board of that State was about to throw out on account of alleged fraud at the election—enough votes to give the State and possibly the legislature to republicans. He said: "Every one out there thought the election was conducted in the fairest kind of a way. I did not hear it challenged on any side. I scarcely think the board would attempt to throw out enough members of the legislature to turn it over to the republicans. It would be a high-handed outrage if it did, and it would cause an uprising in South Dakota. I can do

nothing but watch the course of events, but our men are on the ground all the time, and will bitterly contest any scheme to defraud us of rights." Republicans are not talking for publication about this matter, but enough was said at their caucus of Senators to indicate that some of them expected a republican to succeed Senator Kyle, whose term expires on the third of next March.

Countroller Eckels has a plan which he says in his annual report he is certain would go far towards curing our financial ills. The foundation of his plan is to decrease the tax on National bank circulation and encourage the formation of banks with \$25,000 capital in small towns and villages and to allow them to issue currency to the face of the bonds they have deposited with the U. S. Treasury. Neither Senators nor Representatives have been falling over each other in their efforts to get the plan of Mr. Eckels before Congress, and there isn't the slightest likelihood of their doing so.

The House, as usual, is ahead of the Senate in the matter of doing business. It has passed the regular Pension appropriation bill and a number of minor measures.

The bolting silver republican Senators were playing for bigger stakes than the forgiveness of their old party associates, when they ignored the invitations sent them to attend the republican caucus. They figure it that by maintaining an independent attitude they can dictate legislation in the next Senate, unless the republicans happen to get a majority, and demand control of the Federal patronage of their State as well.

The only man who has mentioned the President's message in Congress is Representative Grow, of Pennsylvania, who in a few remarks ridiculed Mr. Cleveland's assertion that the present tariff law if let alone will produce all the revenue that the country needs.

Chairman Hanna having completed the work for which he came to Washington is about ready to return to Ohio and discuss what he has learned with Major McKinley. He has learned lots, too.

Captured By a Woman.
SHARON, Pa., December 11.—Mrs. Hiram Hoover, of Sunol, Mercer county, had a desperate encounter with a robber at her home last night. She had retired for the night and was aroused by hearing a noise in the kitchen. Slipping down stairs she found a robber engaged in filling a bag with silverware. She grabbed the robber around the waist and a desperate struggle took place. She finally overpowered him and held him down until assistance came and he was locked in a shed. While Mr. Hoover was looking for an officer the burglar escaped.

An Innocent Set Free.
RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—Governor Carr, has pardoned Henry Smith, of Asheville, and thus ended a strange case of circumstantial evidence. Smith while working on the railway in Davidson county, passed the house of a man named Ellington, and the next day all of Ellington's money, \$1,200, was missing. Smith was arrested, tried, and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary. Last week the money which Smith was charged with stealing was found in possession of Ellington's son, who during a drunken spree had taken and hidden it. He forgot where he had placed it, but discovered it by accident and gave the money to his father, who at once reported the facts to Governor Carr.

Faith Cure Fanatics.
GUTHRIE, Oklahoma, December 15.—The diphtheria epidemic about Hopteton, in Woods county, still prevails. The faith cure people, who compose the majority of the community, in spite of quarantine orders persist in holding public meetings at the houses where the disease exists, and physicians sent out by the authorities have been compelled to use force in order to examine the sick. A 12-year-old boy named Elton was carried through the worst stage by a physician and volunteer nurses and on his way to recovery, but when they left to attend others, the father refused to give the medicines left or follow any instructions, and the boy died of blood poisoning, the family friends sitting around and praying, but doing nothing to relieve his suffering. Six or eight others have been allowed to die in the same way.

TERIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.
292 PERSONS DROWNED BY THE SINKING OF THE STEAMER SALIER, THURSDAY.

The loss of life by the foundering of the North German Lloyd steamer Salier which sank on the coast of Spain, in the gale that swept the Atlantic coast of Europe last week, is now positively known to have been much greater than at first supposed. The steamer, in addition to her crew of seventy-eight men and officers, carried 214 steerage passengers. Every soul on board went down and was lost with the ship, making a total of 292 persons that perished through the foundering of the old steamer. The steerage passengers included one German, 113 Russians, thirty-five Galicians and sixty-five Spaniards. Quite a number of women and children were among the number. All were bound for Argentina, where they intended to settle.

Justice—"What happened next? Did he indulge in incendiary language?"
Witness—"Yes, your Honor, he said something about firing me out."

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Is there a tickling in the throat? Do you cough a great deal, especially when lying down? Are you hoarse at times? Does nearly every cold you take settle in your throat? These "throat coughs" are very deceptive. Don't neglect them. Troches, or cough syrups won't touch the spot. You must take remedies that will enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and heal the inflamed membranes.

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The State Experiment Station has recently issued the first number of a series of Bulletins of Information. It is the intention, in this series of bulletins, to present to the farmer in simple and concise form the results of investigation and the best available scientific and practical information on the various branches of farming.

The first bulletin of the series is entitled "Computation of Rations for Farm Animals." It consists of two parts. The first is a brief explanation of the principles upon which the computation of rations is based. Following this, Part 2 shows by numerous examples how these principles may be applied to the daily problems of the farm. Examples are given of the improvement of rations, of the compounding of rations from given feeding stuffs, and in particular of the selection of feeding stuffs with reference to economy in their purchase and use. It shows how an intelligent application of the principles of Part 1 may enable the farmer, by exchanging one feed for another or by wisely proportioning his feeds, to reduce the cost of his rations and at the same time improve their quality and add to the fertility of his farm.

The bulletin is being distributed at all the farmers' institutes held in the State, and will be mailed free to any resident of the State applying for it.

The Station has also issued a revised edition, in more convenient form, of the spraying calendar for which there was so large a demand last year.

The Director of Institutes, Hon. John Hamilton, has secured representatives of the School of Agriculture of the Pennsylvania State College to assist at every Farmers' Institute to be held in the State during the coming winter. One representative will accompany each of the three sections into which the Institute force has been divided. He will carry with him specially prepared charts and diagrams illustrating the composition of feeding stuffs, the manure value of farm products, the results of experiments with fertilizers, etc., etc., which cannot fail to add greatly to the interest and profit of the Institutes. Copies of a spray calendar and of a bulletin on the computation of rations for farm animals, prepared by the State Experiment Station, will also be carried for free distribution. The special representatives of the College are, for the northern counties, Colonel John A. Woodward; for the southeastern counties, Dr. Wm. Frear; and for the southwestern counties, Mr. E. H. Hess, all of whom are experienced Institute workers. Other members of the School of Agriculture and of the Experiment Station will also attend when their other duties permit.

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These are figures for the whole country, and in some of the Western States the proportions are less favorable. But in six States, including Kentucky, between Pennsylvania and the Mississippi, only 23.9 per cent. of the farms bear any mortgage, and their value is only 23 per cent. of the total value of farms in those States, the debt being less than 8 per cent. of the total value, and the debt created in purchase of farms and improvements nearly 6 per cent., leaving little over 1 per cent. or \$56,000,000 represented by all mortgages given for residential purposes. In the newer States west of the Mississippi, where a large part of the settlers have not yet had time to discharge their indebtedness, the proportion is greater. But in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Wyoming, the number of farms mortgaged is 35.6 per cent. of the whole number of farms, and the value of farms mortgaged is 34.1 per cent. of the total value of farms; the proportion of mortgages given in purchases and improvements is more than three-quarters, and the amount of all other mortgages, about \$75,000,000, is only 21 per cent. of the value of all farms in those States. Even in those States, out of \$42,532 farms only 330,435 are owned by occupying families with any incumbrance.

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